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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Katsuaki NAKANE
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For: APPARATUS FOR GRADING AND
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Atty Ref.: SATO 134NP

**INFORMATION
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STATEMENT**

August 3, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Submitted herewith are copies of a Japanese publication and an English-language article previously cited in the specification of the above application. Also attached is an English-language abstract of the Japanese publication, from which any relevance may be gleaned. Any relevance of the English-language article is self-evident. The documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action, no certification or fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all documents listed. Consideration of the listed documents respectfully is requested.

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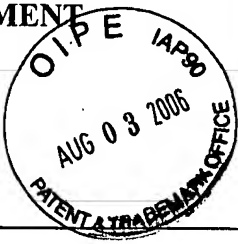
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